

Sadly, on Monday, February 13, 2023, Jesse Treviño passed away after a battle with cancer. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in honor of the late Jesse Treviño, an American hero who used his gift of art to heal from the horrors of the Vietnam War and memorialize the Chicano culture that was dear to him. San Antonio was his canvas, and our city is blessed to have his artistry displayed throughout our neighborhoods.

I am grateful to share Jesse Treviño's legacy with the rest of the Nation. May he Rest in Peace.

**HONORING NADEGE B. JEAN-PAUL
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR BLACK
HISTORY MONTH**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Nadege B. Jean-Paul is an EEO/Diversity & Inclusion Assistant at the Veteran's Healthcare Administration (VHA) Orlando Veteran's Administration (VA) Healthcare System. Ms. Jean-Paul began her VHA/VA career in May 2016 in the Medical Administration Service (MAS) as a Medical Support Assistant (MSA). In June 2018, she graduated with a "Stepping with PRIDE" Leadership Development Program certificate from the VISN 8 VA Sunshine Healthcare Network. Ms. Jean-Paul has proudly served as a federal employee for seven and a half years. Prior to joining the VA, Ms. Jean-Paul worked for the Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida from 2011 to 2016 as the Assisting Supervisor in the Outpatient and Radiology Department.

In 2015, she was recognized by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs for Outstanding Accomplishments in the Field of Religion. She is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Health Services with a major in Health Administration. In December 2005, she was appointed as a Deaconess of the Church of The Living and Holy God in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In 2022, she completed a seven-week Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace certificate training course at the University of South Florida Muma College of Business. Ms. Jean-Paul was the Editor in Chief of the "EEO In the Know" Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter for the Orlando VA Healthcare System. In May 2022, she was selected for the National VHA Diffusion Academy for her contributions to the Diversity and Inclusion Advocate Program innovation project.

Ms. Jean-Paul has a passion for serving others with integrity, respect, and advocates for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the workplace.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHELE
JENKINS**

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life, memory, and service of Michele Jenkins, a loving mother, generous friend, and selfless servant of her community. A resident of the Santa Clarita Valley since 1964, Michele dedicated herself to bettering the lives of others through decades of service.

After graduating from William S. Hart High School, Michele attended the College of the Canyons before receiving a bachelor's degree from UCLA and a master's degree from the University of North Dakota. Grateful for the opportunities she had received as part of College of the Canyons' 1969 inaugural class, Michele was elected by the community to serve on college's Board of Trustees in 1984.

Michele remained on the board until her passing earlier this month, making her the Board of Trustees' longest-serving member. During this time, Michele served 6 terms as president, 5 as vice president, and 7 as clerk. Michele also participated in numerous groups and committees for the Board and led robust fund-raising efforts for the college. Among one of her most notable and lasting impacts on the board was her role in spearheading the effort to hire Dr. Dianne Van Hook as COC Chancellor. From 1988 onwards, Michele and Dr. Van Hook would work closely together to successfully transform the College of the Canyons from a local community college into a renowned institution which educates 20,000 Californians every year.

While her work with COC was the cornerstone of her life in public service, Michele's giving back to the community did not begin and end with the college. She also helped start the Santa Clarita Valley chapter of the League of Women Voters, as well as the local branch of the American Association of University Women. Additionally, Michele received the Single Mother's Outreach award for her efforts to support single parents. In what time remained, Michele enjoyed entertaining others, especially COC faculty and staff, and most importantly, spending time with her family.

While she will be dearly missed, Michele's impact on her family, the College of the Canyons, and the Santa Clarita Valley will not be forgotten. We will continue to honor Michele's incredible life and keep the Jenkins family in our prayers.

**OBSERVING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AWARE-
NESS MONTH**

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. While those with developmental disabilities in Delaware and around the country should be seen and heard throughout the year, we need to

take this month to learn and become more aware of the issues facing these Americans.

As of last year, 186,592 Delawareans were living with a disability and, of those living with a disability, it is estimated that 1.8 percent, or 3,359 Delawareans, are living with a developmental disability. While major strides have been made in making facilities, services, and opportunities accessible, Americans with disabilities—especially those with developmental disabilities—are still marginalized.

Americans with developmental disabilities face significant inequities. According to the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council, Delawareans with developmental disabilities face experience higher rates of obesity, diabetes, and pregnancy complications, as well as an increased risk of adverse outcomes from COVID-19. People with developmental disabilities also face adversity from unconscious and conscious biases. And accessibility remains a significant issue that requires more attention.

It is for those reasons that National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is so important. Since it was first observed in 1987, National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month has helped spark a national conversation about addressing these issues. This March, we must recommit to gaining a better understanding of developmental disabilities, and to making our country accessible and equitable for all.

**RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN ALLEN C.
BRADY, UNITED STATES NAVY,
RETIRED**

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Captain Allen C. Brady, United States Navy, Retired, on the selfless life he has led during some of the most historical and pivotal moments of the past century. He has engaged in and witnessed events that have shaped our country, and his sacrifices in defense of our Nation and our freedoms cannot be overstated.

His willingness to stand ready through nearly 30 years of service, his resolve during 2,237 days of captivity and torture in North Vietnam, and his selflessness in continuing his leadership and passing on his experience to junior ranks following his release, is nothing short of exemplary.

On behalf of the entire Northwest Florida community and a grateful Nation, I would like to thank Captain Brady for his years of faithful service, devotion to duty, and commitment to excellence. His journey is one that will resound for years on what makes this country great.

For all he did for his country, I am truly proud to have Captain Brady as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Captain Allen C. Brady for his accomplishments and commitment to this country. I thank him for his service and offer my warmest regards and best wishes to him and his family.

HONORING LAWRENCE ALLEN AS
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR BLACK
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HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Lawrence "Lare" Allen is a lifelong resident of Osceola County Florida. He graduated from Osceola High and then from the United States Military Academy at West Point. After a tour in the Middle East, he returned to Osceola County to begin a career in education.

One of his biggest fears was being the person who extinguished a child's natural love of learning. He aspired to impart a sense of adventure, hope, and belief to his students. He wanted them to know they could become happy, productive members of society. He treated his students as if they were his younger cousins. He met them where they were and helped them move forward along their own journey.

Lare Allen believes a free quality public education should be available to all citizens. He has worked diligently to achieve that goal within his community. He understands that it begins with supporting the people who support our students since educator working conditions are student learning conditions. He noticed that too often legislation was implemented that did more harm to the students than good, so he became involved in his local union.

Since there was always more work available than people to do the work, he stepped forward to volunteer in a variety of roles. Regardless of one's party affiliation and regardless of one's race religion or creed, he would sit down to discuss how to better serve the students because he believed collaboration achieved better results than competition.

Lare Allen is currently the president of the Osceola County Education Association. He intends to retire this year. He will begin a new career as a day trader with more time to advocate for staff and students at the school board and state levels. He is happily married to his beautiful wife, Laura Portorreal Allen. They have several amiable children.

RECOGNIZING JAKE WOODARD'S
BRAVERY AND HEROISM

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, Jake Woodard. Late in the evening on the day after Christmas, with freezing temperatures, Pennsbury High School Junior, Jake Woodard's family was driving home from a holiday party. As they were driving, Jake, a certified lifeguard and member of Pennsbury's JROTC program, noticed a car had pulled over to the side and a man was lying on the ground. A woman was waving for help. Jake immediately demanded that his dad pull the car over so he could help.

Jake got out of the car, and he immediately came to the aid of the man on the ground. Ap-

parently, the man had been walking on the sidewalk and hit a large patch of ice that was about three inches thick and landed on his back, likely hitting his head on the ground.

A woman and her son had seen the man and pulled over. However, as they were unsure how to help him, they waved down Jake's car for help. As the adults stood around questioning what to do, Jake took a knee and began speaking to the man by identifying himself and telling him he was there to help. The man told him his name and stated he had been on the ground for about 15 minutes. As the man was groaning in pain and stating that he couldn't move, Jake advised the man not to move. After a few minutes, the man lost consciousness, and as his eyes rolled to the back of his head, his tongue also rolled to the back of his throat. Jake reached into the man's mouth and cleared his airway to ensure he could properly breathe.

As they waited for the EMTs to show up, Jake continued to take the man's pulse and repeatedly checked that the man was still breathing all while saying "Dan, you are going to be okay, but you need to stay with us."

When the EMTs showed up, Jake immediately told them what had happened, how long he had been there, and included the rate of his pulse and breathing. As the EMTs stabilized the man's neck, Jake continued to speak to the unconscious man, Dan, telling him help was here, and that he needed to try and wake up.

When the EMTs struggled to get the man onto the gurney because of the thick ice, they asked Jake to assist. He reached under the man's lower back and legs, and as best he could he kept him stable while assisting the man onto the gurney. The man never regained consciousness, but Jake made sure the man didn't move, was still breathing, and made sure he knew he wasn't alone.

When it was all said and done, Jake's mom proudly hugged her son, and asked him how he knew what to do. He said lifeguarding taught him what to do and JROTC taught him why to do it, as he stated it was his duty to help.

We are all incredibly grateful for the bravery and heroism of Jake Woodard and all that he does for our community.

CELEBRATING DR. SUSAN
SPERLING

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Susan Sperling in honor of her retirement as President of Chabot College after 11 years.

Dr. Sperling is the ninth president of Chabot College and the second-longest-serving president. During her 11 years as president, the college improved fiscal stability by securing funding for major infrastructure projects across the campus and helped secure Hayward Promise Neighborhood grants that bring federal resources to the most underserved communities of Hayward and deepen partnerships with local organizations and educational institutions.

In addition, under Dr. Sperling's leadership, Chabot College established the Dream Center

for undocumented students, the Black Cultural Resource Center and more than a dozen agreements and partnerships with feeder K-12 school districts.

Most recently, Dr. Sperling led the college through the unprecedented challenges brought on by the pandemic and the impacts this has had on students, faculty and staff.

Even before serving as President, Dr. Sperling's service to Chabot College goes back 36 years. She first served as an anthropology instructor, where she developed a new program curriculum. Dr. Sperling has also served in a series of faculty leadership roles, including faculty union president, college curriculum chair and dean of social sciences.

An anthropologist by training, Dr. Sperling received her doctorate at the University of California, Berkeley, and completed postdoctoral research at the University of California San Francisco. This led to early career academic posts at University of California Berkeley, San Jose State and several community colleges.

As a community college serving marginalized and low-income communities, Dr. Sperling has brought a democratic vision to Chabot College, advocating for equal access to education and improving access to career pathways.

I join the community in celebrating the many achievements of her career and wish her rest and relaxation. I know Dr. Sperling looks forward to focusing more of her time on anthropology, serving her community and spending quality time with family, including her husband, Marc Janowitz, son, Max Landes, and daughter-in-law Emily Mraz.

HONORING DR. AMANDA
WILKERSON AS A DISTIN-
GUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
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HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Amanda Wilkerson is a scholar and social reformer who examines academia and analyzes K-20 student achievement to better understand enhancing the human condition. She is a tireless advocate for equity and excellence in higher education who seeks to build a better world for individuals and institutions through cooperation, collaboration, and community engagement.

Currently, Dr. Wilkerson serves as an assistant professor in the College of Community Innovation and Education at the University of Central Florida. She is also an affiliated faculty member and a visiting scholar with the Center for Minority Serving Institutions at Rutgers University. A proud graduate of Florida A&M University, Dr. Wilkerson has written educational materials and coordinated forums on significant civic and scholastic matters. Dr. Wilkerson served as the guest editor for the Urban Education Research and Policy Annals Journal-Hillard Sizemore Special.

As a part of her passion for higher education and her mission to create inclusive learning environments, Dr. Wilkerson regularly works with instructional leaders to build their